3. Government have been taking a number of steps to boost exports of handloom and handicraft items from all over the country, including Rajasthan, like sending sale-cum-study teams, releasing advertisements in foreign trade magazines, participation in fair in major markets, grant of export incentives etc. Besides , handloom fabrics and handicraft items are not covered by the quote a restrictions.

National Highways

6871. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether ;the Government have made any assessment on the total kilometres of national highways which the country will be needing by the end of current century; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to develop the National Highways accordingly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is haveing in mind the 20--Year (1981--2001 Road Development Plan prepared by a group of Chief Engineers under the aegis of Indian Roads Congress, which envisages *inter alia*, a National Highway network aggregating to 66,000 kms by the turn of the century. However,r the Govt.has not made nay independent assessment in this regard.

(b) Development of National Highways is a continuosu activity. Keeping in view the recommendations made by the National Transport Policy Committee, the prescribed criteria of new N.Hs and availability of funds etc., it has been possible to add a length of 4,666 kms of National Highway grid since 1980. Further additions to the N.H. system would depend on avialabiltiy of funds in the 8th Plan or subsequent plans etc.

Survey by Tfai for Export Potential in States

6972. SHRIMATI VASUNDHRARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Trade Fair Authority of India has conducted a survey on the export potential of different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to Rajasthan; and

(c) the steps taken to promote exports from Rajasthan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Foreign Exchange for setting up of Petro--Chemical Project at Haldia

6973. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governrment have taken any steps to provide necessary foreign exchange for setting up of petor--chemical project at Haldia, West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir. Asian Development Bank and International Finance Corporation have been approached to finance the Haldia Petro-chemical Complex in West Bengal.

(b) International Finance Corporation

and Asian Development Bank lend directly to companies without Government guarantee on commercial terms and judgement. Further, in the light of the revised foreign exchange regime, such agencies are free to procure foreign exchange from the market at the market rate of exchange for the foreign exchange portion left uncoverd by commercial borrowings and/or equity.

D.T.C. Bus Passes

6974. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether charges for all route/general passes of DTC have been increased recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all route/general passes are allowed in Green Line buses;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to allow all route/general passes in 'Green Line' and 'Limited Stop' buses also; and

(f) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. Charges on general all-route pass have been revised w.e.f. 28.12.1991.

(b) The details are as under:–

Pre–revised	*Revised fare fare (Rs.)*	*(Rs)*
General All – Route Pass:	100.00	150.00

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Green Line Services have been introduced with the objective of providing faster and comfortable travel facility to those commuters who can pay a little more than the ordinary fares. A flat fare of Rs. 4.00 per head per trip is charged in these services, and hence; n concessional pass is allowed in the Green Line Buses.

(e) and (f). There is no proposal before the Government to allow General All–Route passes in the Green Line Buses. however, the General All–Route Pass is allowed in the Limited Stop Services.

Insurance amount of Central Government Employees

6975. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to raise the amount of insurance of the Central Government employees under group insurance scheme in view of the devaluation of the rupees twice during 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (c). There is no proposal to raise the amount payable under the Group Insurance Scheme. The amount payable under the scheme has not nexus with the devaluation of rupee.